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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed November 18, 2005 in which the rejection or objection to claims 1, 4-8, 34, 36 and 37 is made final. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$250.00 in payment of the appeal fee and any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. (003747.0070). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

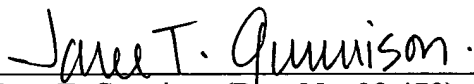
Applicant has concurrently filed a Response to the Final Office Action and petitioned and paid the fees for a three-month Extension of Time. In this response, Applicant has addressed the final rejection of claims 1, 4-8, 34, 36 and 37 and has amended claims 1 and 34 so as to be allowable or in better form for appeal. Claims 2-3

stand cancelled and claims 9-33 and 35 have been withdrawn without prejudice. This appeal is timely filed on or before May 18, 2006.

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